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Chief Executive Officer

WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Bill

On June 18, 2009, the House passed, on a 259 to 157 vote, H.R.2847, the FFY 2010 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Bill. Before passing the bill, the House approved, on a voice vote, a County-supported amendment to increase State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) funding by \$100 million to \$400 million, the same level as in FY 2009. As approved by the House Appropriations Committee, the bill would have reduced SCAAP funding to \$300 million in FFY 2010. Other FFY 2010 funding levels for programs of County interest include:

- \$519 million for Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) formula grants, the same funding level as in FFY 2009, not counting the \$2 billion in JAG formula grant funds included in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) of 2009;
- \$298 million for COPS Hiring Grants in addition to the \$1 billion in COPS Hiring Grant funds included in the ARRA;
- \$255 million for Economic Development Assistance Programs, a \$15 million increase above the FFY 2009 funding level;

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- \$156 million for DNA Backlog Reduction Grants, a \$10 million increase above the FFY 2009 funding level;
- \$55 million for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, the same funding level as in FFY 2009; and
- \$30 million for the Southwest Border Prosecution Program, the same funding level as in FFY 2009.

In addition, the bill includes earmarked funds, requested by Representative Adam Schiff, for the County Sheriff's Department to reduce the backlog in DNA testing of sexual assault kits (\$1 million) and for the Department of Children and Family Services Independent Living Program in the San Gabriel Valley (\$250,000).

FFY 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Bill

On June 18, 2009, the Senate adopted, 91 to 5, the conference report for H.R.2346, the FFY 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Bill, sending the bill to the President, who is expected to sign it. The House approved the conference report by a far narrower margin, 226 to 202, on June 16, 2009. The legislation is commonly referred to as the war supplemental spending bill because the vast majority of funding in both bills would go to war operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The final bill includes County-supported language, which provides \$350 million to assist state and local governments in preparing for and responding to the pandemic flu, and more than \$2.2 billion to purchase eight C-17 aircrafts. Both provisions were included in the previous House bill, but not Senate version.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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c: All Department Heads Legislative Strategist